



### Local judokas return with total of 14 medals from the African Junior and Cadet Championships in Burundi

Judokas from the Tuks Judo Club had a good showing at the recent African Junior and Cadet Championships in Burundi. The team won a total of 14 medals. Their coach Nikola Filipov could not help smiling as this was the best performance ever by the club's younger judokas at an African Championships. Filipov often refers to the youngsters as his Olympic generation, confidently predicting that one or more could represent South Africa at the 2024 Games. That is if he could find the proper funding to help them get the necessary international experience. Donn  Breytenbach won bronze medals in the cadet (under-17) as well as the junior (under-20) categories. She fights in the under-52kg category. In the build-up to the championships, she also competed at a Budapest Cup Tournament where she took the bronze medal. Her twin brother, Thomas, won a silver medal in under-73kg cadet category in Burundi. The other judokas who medalled at the African Championships are Katja Lang (silver and bronze), Charn  Griesel (bronze) and Devan Stemmet (bronze). The Tuks judokas also won seven medals in the different team categories. On photo from left to right: Donne Breytenbach, Katja Lang, Devan Stemmet, Charn  Griesel and Thomas Breytenbach.

